

September 20, 2004

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly Council meeting of the City of Saint Marys was called to order by Mayor David Meier on Monday, September 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 808 South Michael Street. Notice of the meeting was sent to Council on September 16, 2004 and posted at City Hall. Notice of this meeting was also published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Meier, Robert Roberts, Dennis Nero, Mark Kopp, Thomas Farley, Gelindo Bonfardine, Steven Skok, David Greene, Manager, and Solicitor Stephen French

VISITORS

Visitors included: Andy Swasta, Bette Stewart, Brad Miller, Jerry Marshall, and Bill Pearson

**MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004**

Robert Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2004, seconded by Steven Skok, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Guest: Bill Pearson
Airport Awareness
Day

Bill Pearson, representing the Airport Authority, invited Council to attend the Airport's Awareness Day which will be held on September 25, 2004. He stated the activities will include an exhibit of antiques and farm tractors, skydivers, motorized hang glider, airplane rides, and entertainment.

There were no citizen's comments on agenda items.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager David Greene presented the following report:

Columbus Street - Curbing, sidewalks, and sanitary sewers are currently being installed.

Oilwell Street - The City has made arrangements with HRI Construction to pave this street.

Hickory Road - Repair work is finished except for seeding, mulching, and the driveway aprons.

Tar & Chipping - The tar and chipping of various roads in the City has begun and will continue weather permitting.

OEDP Meeting - Tina and I have attended the OEDP meeting at North Central in Ridgway on September 15th.

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City's Code Book - A meeting is scheduled for September 27th at 10:00 a.m. to meet with Tom Emerick from Penns Valley Publishers to discuss ordinance codification.

The Manager informed Thomas Farley that Columbus Street will be completed within the next couple of weeks and that the meeting scheduled for September 27th with Penns Valley Publishers will be with staff and himself.

The Manager also informed Dennis Nero that a tentative date for the paving of Oilwell Street has not been scheduled as of today.

**APPROVAL OF
EXPENDITURES**

Gelindo Bonfardine made a motion to approve the Expenditures for August 13, 2004 through September 15, 2004, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Meier presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2004. Total revenue collected for the General Fund as of August 31, 2004 was \$2,855,014., which is 72.9% of the budget. The City spent 54.6% of the budget for expenditures, which is \$2,325,300. As for cash flow, the City is still \$200,000. better then last year, at this time, for the General Fund. All other funds are well within their budget balances.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Subdivision Application:
Marshall D. & Melissa
A. Aloï, Joseph and
Cross Roads intersection

Thomas Farley made a motion to approve the Subdivision Application for Marshall D. & Melissa A. Aloï, seconded by Robert Roberts, and all were in favor. This subdivision request is for 4 residential lots to be served by on-lot sewage and on-lot wells. Total proposed development will consist of 37 acres.

MMOs for Pension Plans

Mayor Meier explained that the MMO report for the City's Pension Plans is done every year. Act 205 requires that the report be submitted and approved by the governing body of the City by September 30, 2004. This report shows how much money is needed for deposit into the pension funds for the following year. In the past, the Act 205 money has always funded this expense. This year's funds from the General Fund may be necessary due to the loss in the market value of the plans over the last year or so. When the Act 205 money is received in October, the City will know how much money they need to contribute, if any, from the General Fund.

A motion was made by Robert Roberts to approve the MMOs for the City's Pension Plans as submitted, seconded by Steve Skok, and all were in favor.

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Parking Ordinance

Solicitor Stephen French prepared an Ordinance to amend, change, clarify and/or replace certain sections of the City Code pertaining to off street metered parking.

Robert Roberts made a motion to publish the Parking Ordinance, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON
NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Bette Stewart, spoke on behalf of herself and other residents of South Michael Road regarding their water problem. She requested that the City contact PennDOT to resolve the problem. The Manager will look into the matter.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Gelindo Bonfardine stated that one of the four crosswalks at the Post Office intersection has been repainted and felt that the remaining three should be done.

Thomas Farley stated that City Council backed the Golf Authority Loan several months ago and felt that the Authority should be sending Council their monthly financial statements and minutes of their meetings. He stated that this information may be under the Elk County Golf Association and that the Manager should contract Herbert Straub, Chairman of the Golf Authority.

Dennis Nero felt that the City needs to get their unpaved roads fixed.

Mark Kopp informed Council that six truckloads of electronic recycling materials from the City's Fall Clean-up day site were taken to the Electronics Recycling Center located in the Stackpole Complex.

Mayor Meier suggested that the Spring and Fall Clean-up days expenses be reviewed at budget time.

Robert Roberts asked if residents, who were unable to drop off material due to Friday's rain storm, could still do so. Manager Greene explained that the dumpsters are still there and residents can utilize them from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. until the dumpsters are removed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on October 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Airport Awareness Day will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2004

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- The Process Committee will be conducting resident surveys on September 22, 2004 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- Halloween trick or treating will be held on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. porch light invitation only.
- Free parking in St. Marys on Saturday, September 25th for the Elk Expo. A shuttle service starting at 10:00 a.m. will be provided from the Municipal Parking Lot. The Manager stated pick-up and drop-off will occur near the Job Center building so as to free-up parking for the downtown merchants' customers.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Farley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark Kopp, and all were in favor.

Mayor

Shirley Dicklas
Recording Secretary